(d) if so, by when the work is likely to start on all the three bridges; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir, only in respect of Tadali and Bisapur Railway crossings.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, at this stage.

(e) The State Government is at present formulting schemes for the two works jointly with the Railway. After these proposals are finalised and sponsored by the State Government duly consenting to bear|share the cost, as per rules, the Railway can take further action in the matter.

Retention price to fertilizer plants

1361. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain units got more retention price that justified in the cases of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Units having low utilisation capacity are not being protected; and

(d) if so, what steps are being proposed to be taken to protect such Units?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (d) Retention prices of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertiliser manufacturing units are fixed on the basis of among others norms of capacity utilisation laid down for ammonia plants and phosphoric acid plants. Fixation of retention prices is preceded by a detailed technical examination of the operating parameters of the manufacturing units. The retention price and subsidy scheme has been structured to prevent as far as possible payment of more subsidy than is justified. Units which do not achieve the normative capacity utilisation level are not compensated. There is no proposal to protect such units as it would amount to encouraging inefficiency.

Capacity utilization by fertilizer plants

1362. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of units producing fertilizers had not attained fuller utilization of its capacity, during the last three years;

(b) the names thereof and reasons therefor and what is the percentage of Capacity Utilisation in each case:

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the production of these units, if so, what was the production of each fertilizer during the last two years, yearwise; and

(d) what are the norms on which subsidy is being given and who certifies these norms?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The names of the fertilizer plants, their production and capacity utilisation during the last three years, yearwise are given in the attached statement *(See Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 57)* Low capacity utilisation is mainly due to design deficiencies, frequent equipment break downs, power problems, industrial

relations problems and shortage of imported phosphoric acid. Production performance of these fertiliser units is monitored periodically.

(d) Subsidy under the retention price and subsidy scheme is paid with reference to retention prices determined for each unit based on the norms of:

capacity utilisation;

depreciation;

return on networth;

input of raw materials;

consumption of utilities etc.

The norms are approved by the Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee.

Allotment of land for CGHS building at Vasant Vihar

1363. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Land and Development office from the CGHS authorities for allotment of a plot of land for construction of CGHS Building at CPWD Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the land is likely to be allotted to the CGHS authorities?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has already been decided to allot land to Central Government Health Scheme.

Proposal for unified administrative suburban Railway zone for Bombay

1364. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have one unified administrative suburban railway zone for entire Bombay (including Western Railway and Central Railway);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Bombay area, the suburban and non-suburban railway services share the network of track and other infrastructure to a great extent. Consequently, it is desirable to have them under an integrated control. This is being achieved in the existing organisational set up on the Western and Central Railways in Bombay area which is not proposed to be disturbed.

Railway lines under the control of private ownership in the country

1365. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the railway lines in the country still under the control of private owners;

(b) what are the details in this regard and reasons for such private ownership;

(c) whether Government propose to nationalise these railway lines;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There are three Railway Lines, owned by Private Companies. However, these lines are worked by the contiguous Indian Government Railways as per various agreements with the Central Government.